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A recent article in the Los Angeles Times revealed the escape of a convicted felon only days prior to being sentenced to life in State prison. The escapee, Mr. Carlos Alberto Hernandez, was convicted of attempted murder, and instead of being held in jail until sentencing, he managed to post bail with deficient collateral and is believed to have fled to Mexico. To make matters worse, Mexico does not extradite any fugitive who faces a life sentence or the death penalty, giving Mr. Hernandez a ticket to a fresh start. The article also reports that this was the result of bail not being canceled immediately following a guilty verdict.

There is disagreement among authorities whether the responsibility for canceling bail rests with the courts or on a motion by the prosecuting attorney. Mr. Hernandez' escape poses a serious public safety concern.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the District Attorney and the Los Angeles Superior Court to report to the Board in thirty (30) days on the steps taken to prevent an occurrence similar to the case of Mr. Carlos Alberto Hernandez.

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